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SUBJECT: DETROIT SHOWING OF ROMANIAN RUGS EXHIBIT: CURATOR
LUCIAN ROSU

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1. ROSU NOMINATION CONFIRMED AND DATES OF VISIT SAME AS THOSE CONTAINED REF A. EMBOFFS HAVE INTERVIEWED ROSU AND FOUND HIS ENGLISH TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR HIM TO TRAVEL WITHOUT ESCORT. PROFICIENCY LEVEL ACTUALLY ABOUT S-1 PLUS, R-3, BUT WE BELIEVE - AND ROSU HIMSELF INSISTS - THAT HE WILL REGAIN FORMER FACILITY WITH LANGUAGE AFTER SHORT PERIOD IN U.S. ROSU SPENT 14 MONTHS IN DETROIT IN 1974-75 FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT, DURING WHICH TIME HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH DETROIT MUSEUM OFFICIALS AND FACULTY AT MAJOR DETROIT-AREA UNIVERSITIES. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH CITY AND SEEMS TO US TO BE AN IDEAL NOMINEE TO BE EXHIBIT CURATOR.

2. SUGGEST AGENCY QUERY DETROIT MUSEUM OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ROSU'S HOUSING DURING HIS STAY.

3. AS AGENCY KNOWS, IMPLEMENTING CONTIDTIONS STATE THAT SENDING SIDE SHOULD PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM CAPITAL TO CAPITAL. IF ROSU NEED NOT STOP IN WASHINGTON ON WAY TO DETROIT, COUNCIL HAS ASKED THAT WE NOTIFY THEM
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AND THEY WILL WRITE HIS TICKET TO READ BUCHAREST -

NEW YORK-DETROIT-NEW YORK-BUCHAREST AND WILL THEN REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FROM US FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NEW YORK-DETROIT AND NEW YORK-WASHINGTON AIRFARES. WE BELIEVE SIMPLER SOLUTION WOULD BE THAT ROSU TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR ONE DAY OF CONSULTATIONS IN AGENCY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO DETROIT AND DO SAME FOLLOWING EXHIBIT SHOWING. IN THIS WAY COUNCIL COULD STICK TO CAPITAL TO CAPITAL PROVISION OF IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS, AGENCY COULD PURCHASE ROSU'S WASHINGTON-DETROIT ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE; AND EVERYONE COULD AVOID COMPLICATED REIMBURSEMENTS. WE ALSO BELIEVE CONSULTATIONS ON BOTH ENDS OF VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL BOTH FOR CURATOR CONCERNED AND FOR OUR AND AGENCY'S OWN PURPOSES. THERE CLEARLY IS A PRECEDENT INVOLVED HERE AND WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT BE SET IN CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS FASHION RIGHT FROM THE START. WOULD WELCOME AGENCY COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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